



Attorney Docket No. 27133U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KOHL, et al.

Serial No: 10/564,768

Group Art Unit: 1614

Filed: January 17, 2006

Examiner: POLANSKY, G.

For: **ALKALINE SALTS OF PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 7, 2007. The one-month shortened statutory period for response expired on October 7, 2007. Accordingly, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith. As such, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 13-14 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has indicated that applicants must elect a single species from each of the following groups, based on the generic formula $[Me]_x[PPI]_y[OH]_z$:

- I. Me is a metal ion;
- II. PPI is a pyridine-2-ylmethylsulphonyl-1H-benzimidazole;
- III. X is a positive, whole number from 1 to 3;
- IV. Y is a positive, whole number from 1 to 5;
- V. Z is a positive, whole number from 1 to 5; and
- VI. a specific gastrointestinal disorder.